

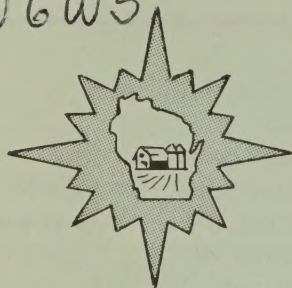
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## Cream of the News

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers in September were up for the sixth consecutive month and were the highest since March 1974.

Production of butter and cheese in Wisconsin and the Nation during August was below a year ago, and weekly estimates for September indicate a continuation of that trend.

The index of prices received by Wisconsin farmers increased for the sixth straight month and reached a record high as of mid-September.

Cold storage stocks of butter and cheese in the Nation at the end of September remained well below a year earlier.

Prices of wholesale dairy products continued to increase during September and achieved record high levels.

Milk production in Wisconsin for September was up 1 percent from a year ago as farmers increased feeding of grain and other concentrates, fall pastures were improved, and good quality third crop hay was available.

Cash receipts from farm marketings in Wisconsin during 1974 were up 7 percent from 1973 but farm production expenses increased 24 percent.

The number of cattle and calves on feed in the 23 major feeding states October 1 was 2 percent above the previous year, the first time in two years that feeding numbers were up.

Red meat production in Wisconsin's commercial slaughtering plants during August was down 8 percent from a year earlier as both beef and pork output were lower.

Cold storage stocks of meat in the Nation at the end of September were 28 percent under last year.

Beef cattle prices at the St. Paul and Kansas City markets increased from August to September.

Prices of barrows and gilts at St. Paul exceeded \$60.00 a hundredweight in September, a record high.

## SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT FROM YEAR AGO

Milk production in Wisconsin during September totaled 1,410 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production per cow for September averaged 780 pounds, a gain of 5 pounds from September 1974. There were 1,808,000 milk cows on Wisconsin farms in September, an increase of 5,000 from the previous year. Milk production during September declined seasonally 8 percent from August compared with a drop of 7 percent for that period last year. During the first nine months of 1975, Wisconsin's milk production was up slightly from January - September 1975.

Fall pasture conditions in Wisconsin this year were better than in 1974 when dry weather and early frosts shortened the pasturing season. Wisconsin farmers reported feeding an average of 10.6 pounds of grain and other concentrates per milk cow on October 1 compared with 9.6 pounds on that date in 1974. Excellent weather in October allowed considerable green-chopping and baling of fine quality third crop hay.

### Milk Production

Selected States	September 1974	September 1975	Jan.-Sept. 1975	Change from last year	
				Sept.	Jan.-Sept.
	Million pounds			Percent	
Wisconsin . . . .	1,397	1,410	14,252	+ 1	n. c.
Minnesota . . .	625	570	6,987	- 9	- 5
Iowa . . . . .	309	304	2,996	- 2	- 3
New York . . .	766	789	7,647	+ 3	+ 2
Pennsylvania . .	569	566	5,313	- 1	n. c.
California . . .	888	902	8,144	+ 2	+ 1
Other states . .	4,586	4,560	42,838	- 1	n. c.
United States .	9,140	9,101	88,177	n. c.	n. c.

## MILK PRICES CONTINUE UPWARD

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers for September are expected to average \$8.60 a hundredweight, up 52 cents from August and \$1.37 above September 1974. This was the sixth consecutive month of higher milk prices. In that period, milk prices have increased by \$1.13 a hundredweight. The

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September price was the highest since the record of \$8.70 a hundredweight in March 1974.

The August milk price of \$8.08 a hundredweight was 36 cents more than the previous month and \$1.20 above last year. Milkfat content for August averaged 3.62 percent compared with 3.61 percent a year earlier.

Producers for the Grade A market received an average of \$8.15 a hundredweight for milk sold in August, up 32 cents from July and \$1.05 above August 1974. Manufacturing grade milk averaged \$7.97 a hundredweight in August, a gain of 40 cents from July and \$1.42 higher than a year ago. The price spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 18 cents for August compared with 55 cents in August 1974.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	July 1975		August price per cwt.			Sept. 1975 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1974	1975	75/74 change	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin . . . . .	3.61	7.72	6.88	8.08	+ 17	8.60
Minnesota . . . . .	3.54	7.41	6.57	7.67	+ 17	8.19
Iowa . . . . .	3.49	7.45	6.75	7.90	+ 17	8.10
New York . . . . .	3.49	8.35	8.04	9.00	+ 12	9.45
California . . . . .	3.48	8.40	8.07	8.46	+ 5	8.70
United States . . . . .	3.52	8.19	7.74	8.56	+ 11	8.96
Wis. utilization						
Market milk . . . . .	3.60	7.83	7.10	8.15	+ 15	xxx
Manufacturing milk	3.63	7.57	6.55	7.97	+ 22	xxx
Creameries . . . . .	3.60	7.50	6.57	7.91	+ 20	xxx
Cheese factories . . . . .	3.63	7.58	6.55	7.98	+ 22	xxx
Varied prod. plants	3.62	7.51	6.58	7.91	+ 20	xxx

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	August 1974	July 1975	August 1975 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.			Percent
Milk for all uses . . . . .	6.65	7.49	7.81	+ 17
Market milk . . . . .	6.90	7.61	7.92	+ 15
Manufacturing milk . . . . .	6.34	7.30	7.67	+ 21
Creameries . . . . .	6.41	7.29	7.67	+ 20
American cheese plants . . . . .	6.30	7.28	7.63	+ 21
Varied products plants . . . . .	6.34	7.26	7.67	+ 21
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone . . . . .	6.97	7.79	8.07	+ 16

1/Computed equivalents. 2/Preliminary.

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## WHOLESALE DAIRY PRICES REACH RECORD HIGHS

Prices of wholesale dairy products continued to increase during September and reached record high levels. The 92-score butter price at New York averaged 90.04 cents a pound for September, up almost 4 cents from the previous month and more than 20 cents above last year. Wholesale butter prices have increased by nearly 23 cents a pound during 1975.

Cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks averaged 94 cents a pound at Wisconsin assembly points in September, a gain of over 4 cents from August and 17½ cents higher than a year ago. Wholesale prices of cheddar cheese have increased every month during 1975.

Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged more than \$1.17 a pound for September, up almost 2 cents from a month earlier and nearly 17 cents above September 1974.

Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	September 1974	August 1975	September 1975 1/
Butter, 92-score, New York, pound . . . . .	69.38¢	86.31¢	90.04¢
Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 2/ . . . . .	76.50¢	89.81¢	94.00¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 2/ . . . . .	100.75¢	115.75¢	117.56¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range . . . . .	\$11.70-12.49	\$11.95-12.50	\$ — — —
Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound . . . . .	56.93¢	61.44¢	64.08¢

1/Preliminary estimates. 2/Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

## BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION TO CONTINUE LOWER IN SEPTEMBER

Weekly estimates of butter and American cheese production for September indicate that output in the Nation will remain below a year ago. Butter production during September was about 9 percent under last year but churnings for January through August were up 5 percent from that period in 1974. Wisconsin creameries produced 10 percent more butter in the first eight months of 1975 than a year earlier. September butter production in the State was higher than the previous year in the first and last weeks of the month but was lower in other weeks.

According to weekly estimates for September, the Nation's American cheese production was 8 percent below

Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

Periods	Butter			American cheese		
	United States		Wisconsin	United States		Wisconsin
	Production	Change from last year	Change from last year	Production	Change from last year	Change from last year
	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent
August . . . . .	58,924	- 16	- 12	133,800	- 7	- 5
Jan.-Aug. . . . .	704,163	+ 5	+ 10	1,175,680	- 14	- 9
Weeks ending:						
Sept. 4 . . . . .	13,670	- 10	+ 11	27,340	- 9	- 9
Sept. 11 . . . . .	13,000	- 12	- 3	26,550	- 8	- 7
Sept. 18 . . . . .	13,000	- 10	- 4	27,000	- 5	- 2
Sept. 25 . . . . .	14,100	- 5	- 3	27,130	- 8	- 3
Oct. 2 . . . . .	14,800	- 8	+ 5	26,700	- 10	- 4
Total . . . . .	68,470	- 9	xxx	134,720	- 8	xxx



a year ago. Production of American cheese from January through August was down 14 percent from the comparable period last year. Wisconsin's American cheese output in the first eight months of 1975 was 9 percent below a year earlier. The State's production of American cheese in September continued under the previous year.

### CHEESE AND BUTTER OUTPUT CONTINUES UNDER LAST YEAR

Production of cheese and butter in Wisconsin and the Nation during August continued below a year ago. The Nation's butter output for August was down 16 percent from last year. Although butter churnings were up 4 percent in California, production declined 12 percent in Wisconsin, 21 percent in Minnesota and 24 percent in other states.

Cheese production in the Nation during August was 2 percent below a year earlier. Increases of 11 percent for Italian and 4 percent for Swiss were offset by declines of 7 percent for American, 3 percent for Brick and Muenster, and 7 percent for all other varieties.

Wisconsin dairy plants produced 57½ million pounds of American cheese in August, down 5 percent from the previous year. Production of American cheese in Minnesota during August was up 11 percent from last year but output in Iowa declined 29 percent and all other states had a drop of 12 percent.

Current Dairy Products Estimates

Item and area	August 1974	August 1975	Jan.- August 1975	Change from last year	
				August	Jan.-Aug.
	1,000 pounds			Percent	
BUTTER					
Wisconsin . . . . .	13,236	11,700	147,080	- 12	+ 10
Minnesota . . . . .	16,934	13,400	165,920	- 21	- 2
California . . . . .	10,996	11,470	88,120	+ 4	+ 2
Other states . . . . .	29,283	22,354	303,043	- 24	+ 8
United States . . . . .	70,449	58,924	704,163	- 16	+ 5
CHEESE, AMERICAN					
Wisconsin . . . . .	60,671	57,500	505,400	- 5	- 9
Minnesota . . . . .	17,223	19,045	174,420	+ 11	- 6
Iowa . . . . .	7,487	5,300	53,600	- 29	- 37
Other states . . . . .	58,741	51,955	442,260	- 12	- 18
United States . . . . .	144,212	133,800	1,175,680	- 7	- 14
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS					
United States					
Swiss . . . . .	15,533	16,098	118,581	+ 4	- 2
Brick and Muenster. .	6,192	6,026	51,263	- 3	+ 5
Italian . . . . .	48,917	54,312	428,891	+ 11	+ 7
All other . . . . .	17,180	16,048	140,815	- 7	+ 6
Total . . . . .	87,822	92,484	739,550	+ 5	+ 5
ALL CHEESE					
United States . . . . .	232,034	226,284	1,915,230	- 2	- 8
OTHER PRODUCTS					
Cottage Cheese					
United States					
Curd 1/ . . . . .	58,107	59,504	480,853	+ 2	+ 2
Creamed 2/ . . . . .	72,969	73,030	605,291	n. c.	+ 3
	1,000 gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream					
Wisconsin . . . . .	1,698	1,650	11,700	- 3	+ 2
Illinois . . . . .	4,457	4,300	30,830	- 4	+ 1
Iowa . . . . .	872	1,035	7,415	+ 19	+ 16
Michigan . . . . .	3,467	3,690	27,140	+ 6	+ 14
Minnesota . . . . .	2,638	2,720	19,870	+ 3	n. c.
Other states . . . . .	65,818	67,337	488,543	+ 2	+ 9
United States . . . . .	78,950	80,732	585,498	+ 2	+ 8

1/Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

Production of both ice cream and cottage cheese curd in the Nation during August was 2 percent above a year earlier, but creamed cottage cheese output remained the same.

### PRICES RECEIVED INDEX AT RECORD HIGH

The index of prices received by Wisconsin farmers for all farm products sold as of mid-September increased for the sixth consecutive month and reached a record high. At 572 percent of the 1910-14 base on September 15, the index was 25 points (4.6 percent) higher than a month earlier and 100 points (21.2 percent) above a year ago.

Prices for most livestock items increased from August to September. Hogs averaged a record high of \$57.30 a hundredweight as of mid-September, up \$3.00 from the previous month and \$25.60 above last year.

Steers and heifers averaged \$42.60 a hundredweight on September 15, a gain of 90 cents from August and \$11.10 more than a year ago. Slaughter cows, at \$21.40 a hundredweight for September, were 80 cents above August but 80 cents under a year earlier.

Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Sept. 15, 1973	Sept. 15, 1974	August 15, 1975	Sept. 15, 1975
		Dollars			
Milk cows . . . . .	Head	625.00	530.00	470.00	455.00
Steers and heifers . .	Cwt.	46.00	31.50	41.70	42.60
Cows . . . . .	Cwt.	35.00	22.20	20.60	21.40
Calves . . . . .	Cwt.	68.00	36.00	30.60	31.40
Hogs . . . . .	Cwt.	43.10	31.70	54.30	57.30
Sheep . . . . .	Cwt.	11.00	6.50	8.00	8.30
Lambs . . . . .	Cwt.	31.50	33.40	39.30	38.50
Chickens 1/ . . . . .	Lb.	.220	.105	.115	.135
Turkeys . . . . .	Lb.	.370	.280	.420	.380
Eggs . . . . .	Doz.	.650	.408	.450	.470
Corn . . . . .	Bu.	2.12	3.43	2.96	2.82
Wheat . . . . .	Bu.	4.30	3.89	3.31	3.48
Oats . . . . .	Bu.	1.05	1.49	1.36	1.37
Soybeans . . . . .	Bu.	5.75	7.05	5.66	5.14
Alfalfa hay, baled . .	Ton	27.50	30.00	49.00	53.50

1/Excludes broilers.

Milk cows declined \$15.00 from August to September, and at \$455.00 for mid-September were \$75.00 below last year. Calves averaged \$31.40 a hundredweight in September, up 80 cents from the previous month but \$4.60 under a year earlier.

Sheep increased 30 cents from August to September. At \$8.30 a hundredweight for mid-September, sheep were \$1.80 more than September 1974. Lambs went against the trend of higher livestock prices by declining 80 cents from August to September. Lambs averaged \$38.50 a hundredweight on September 15, a gain of \$5.10 from a year ago.

Egg prices increased 2 cents from August to September. At 47 cents a dozen in mid-September eggs were 6 cents more than last year. Turkeys averaged 38 cents a pound liveweight on September 15, down 4 cents from the previous month but 10 cents higher than September 1974.

Corn and soybean prices dropped from August to September. Corn averaged \$2.82 a bushel in September, a decline of 14 cents from August and 61 cents below last year. Soybeans, at \$5.14 a bushel for September, were 52 cents lower than a month earlier and \$1.91 under a year ago.



Wheat averaged \$3.48 a bushel on September 15, up 17 cents from August but 41 cents less than the previous year. Oats, at \$1.37 a bushel for September, was 1 cent higher than August but 12 cents below September 1974.

Baled alfalfa hay soared to a record high of \$53.50 a ton as of mid-September, a gain of \$4.50 from a month earlier and \$23.50 above last year.

### RED MEAT OUTPUT DOWN 8 PERCENT

Production of red meat in Wisconsin's commercial slaughtering plants during August totaled 102 million pounds, down 8 percent from a year ago. Output of beef was 3 percent below August 1974 and pork production declined 17 percent.

There were 118,000 cattle slaughtered in Wisconsin during August, an increase of 3,000 from last year. However, the average liveweight of cattle butchered was only 1,039 pounds compared with 1,102 pounds in August 1974.

Hog slaughter for August numbered 223,000 head, 18 percent below a year earlier and the lowest for that month since 1965. Average liveweight of hogs killed in August, at 246 pounds, was 1 pound heavier than in August 1974.

Calf slaughter in August totaled 30,500 head, up 30 percent from the previous year. Calves averaged 151 pounds liveweight for August, the same as a year earlier. The August sheep and lamb kill of 600 head was 100 more than in August 1974.

#### Commercial Livestock Slaughter

Area	Number			Liveweight	
	August		Change from last year	August	
	1974	1975		1974	1975
	1,000 head		Percent	Million pounds	
<b>Cattle</b>					
Wisconsin . . . . .	115.0	118.0	+ 3	126.7	122.6
United States 1/. . .	3,169.4	3,467.8	+ 9	3,257.4	3,401.7
<b>Calves</b>					
Wisconsin . . . . .	23.4	30.5	+ 30	3.5	4.6
United States 1/. . .	260.6	465.7	+ 79	70.6	130.9
<b>Hogs</b>					
Wisconsin . . . . .	271.0	223.0	- 18	66.4	54.9
United States 1/. . .	6,729.2	4,883.1	- 27	1,631.5	1,154.0
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>					
Wisconsin . . . . .	.5	.6	+ 20	.048	.058
United States 1/. . .	806.8	647.9	- 20	81.6	66.1

1/Excludes Alaska.

### DANE COUNTY LEADER IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS

Dane was the leading Wisconsin county in cash receipts from farm marketings during 1974 with \$113 million. The table shows total cash receipts and ranking by counties for 1974. A bulletin, "Wisconsin Cash Receipts," has just been published which shows more detailed county data on individual agricultural commodities for the years 1965-73. A copy can be obtained by writing to the Wisconsin Statistical Reporting Service, Box 5160, Madison, Wisconsin 53705. This is the first publication of cash receipts on a county basis since 1967 when data for the U. S. agricultural census years of 1959 and 1964 were published.

#### Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings By County, Wisconsin, 1974

County	Livestock	Crops	All commodities	
			Amount	Rank
	(Thousand dollars)			
Barron . . . . .	51,812	5,978	57,790	10
Bayfield . . . . .	4,958	1,074	6,032	63
Burnett . . . . .	5,961	1,015	6,976	61
Chippewa . . . . .	43,917	4,954	48,871	18
Douglas . . . . .	3,083	1,076	4,159	66
Polk . . . . .	33,769	4,051	37,820	29
Rusk . . . . .	16,084	1,249	17,333	51
Sawyer . . . . .	3,716	814	4,530	65
Washburn . . . . .	5,201	1,243	6,444	62
Northwest District	168,501	21,454	189,955	—
Ashland . . . . .	2,949	443	3,392	67
Clark . . . . .	58,293	3,385	61,678	9
Iron . . . . .	708	368	1,076	71
Lincoln . . . . .	9,903	1,930	11,833	58
Marathon . . . . .	75,268	7,472	82,740	4
Oneida . . . . .	601	4,790	5,391	64
Price . . . . .	8,229	2,112	10,341	59
Taylor . . . . .	26,102	1,847	27,949	41
Vilas . . . . .	155	1,316	1,471	69
North Central District	182,208	23,663	205,871	—
Florence . . . . .	967	391	1,358	70
Forest . . . . .	1,549	245	1,794	68
Langlade . . . . .	10,907	12,339	23,246	47
Marinette . . . . .	11,744	2,313	14,057	55
Oconto . . . . .	24,803	5,033	29,836	38
Shawano 1/. . . . .	41,456	3,255	44,711	23
Northeast District	91,426	23,576	115,002	—
Buffalo . . . . .	31,990	5,623	37,613	30
Dunn . . . . .	39,398	8,225	47,623	21
Eau Claire . . . . .	21,641	4,229	25,870	44
Jackson . . . . .	19,173	8,535	27,708	42
La Crosse . . . . .	21,422	5,720	27,142	43
Monroe . . . . .	32,860	8,703	41,563	27
Pepin . . . . .	10,073	2,873	12,946	57
Pierce . . . . .	29,656	7,293	36,949	32
St. Croix . . . . .	38,181	7,924	46,105	22
Trempealeau . . . . .	43,008	7,814	50,822	16
West Central District	287,402	66,939	354,341	—
Adams . . . . .	4,084	8,961	13,045	56
Green Lake . . . . .	17,500	6,639	24,139	46
Juneau . . . . .	13,165	3,713	16,878	52
Marquette . . . . .	8,357	7,407	15,764	54
Portage . . . . .	16,479	32,056	48,535	20
Waupaca . . . . .	30,778	6,263	37,041	31
Waushara . . . . .	12,653	16,099	28,752	39
Wood . . . . .	22,267	6,046	28,313	40
Central District . . . . .	125,283	87,184	212,467	—
Brown . . . . .	37,307	4,284	41,591	26
Calumet . . . . .	30,320	4,770	35,090	33
Door . . . . .	14,068	6,131	20,199	49
Fond du Lac . . . . .	54,161	15,607	69,768	5
Kewaunee . . . . .	27,724	3,667	31,391	36
Manitowoc . . . . .	43,844	7,392	51,236	15
Outagamie . . . . .	46,198	8,145	54,343	13
Sheboygan . . . . .	33,823	9,091	42,914	25
Winnebago . . . . .	25,494	7,636	33,130	35
East Central District	312,939	66,723	379,662	—
Crawford . . . . .	20,249	5,201	25,450	45
Grant . . . . .	79,758	11,164	90,922	2
Iowa . . . . .	43,481	6,517	49,998	17
Lafayette . . . . .	55,243	7,207	62,450	8
Richland . . . . .	27,095	3,757	30,852	37
Sauk . . . . .	44,615	10,004	54,619	12
Vernon . . . . .	39,368	9,407	48,775	19
Southwest District	309,809	53,257	363,066	—
Columbia . . . . .	38,583	17,508	56,091	11
Dane . . . . .	84,956	28,344	113,300	1
Dodge . . . . .	71,030	19,634	90,664	3
Green . . . . .	57,638	7,736	65,374	6
Jefferson . . . . .	35,864	18,023	53,887	14
Rock . . . . .	38,764	25,131	63,895	7
South Central District	326,835	116,376	443,211	—
Kenosha . . . . .	11,816	7,255	19,071	50
Milwaukee . . . . .	857	7,244	8,101	60
Ozaukee . . . . .	10,771	5,909	16,680	53
Racine . . . . .	24,570	13,707	38,277	28
Walworth . . . . .	27,640	16,713	44,353	24
Washington . . . . .	25,720	8,330	34,050	34
Waukesha . . . . .	12,886	7,537	20,423	48
Southeast District	114,260	66,695	180,955	—
State . . . . .	1,918,663	525,867	2,444,530	—

1/Includes Menominee.



## FARM INCOME UP IN 1974 BUT EXPENSES MUCH HIGHER

Cash receipts for Wisconsin farm commodities marketed in 1974 totaled over \$2.4 billion, an increase of 7 percent from 1973. Despite the gain in cash receipts, 1974 was not a profitable year for Wisconsin farmers as farm production expenses rose sharply. Total farm production expenses exceeded \$2 billion for the first time and were up 24 percent from 1973. Government payments to Wisconsin farmers amounted to just \$13 million in 1974, only a third of the

previous year and the lowest since 1956. Total net farm income for 1974 was \$750 million, down 17 percent from 1973.

Livestock and livestock products accounted for 78.5 percent of all cash receipts from farm marketings in 1974. Dairying provided 56 percent of Wisconsin's agricultural income. Marketing of meat animals brought in 17 percent of the farm cash receipts. Poultry and eggs added another 4 percent. Nearly 22 percent of the State's farm income came from crops, with half of that furnished by field crops and the remainder by vegetables and specialty crops.

Wisconsin Realized Gross Income and Net Income from Farming, 1954-74 1/

Year	Realized gross farm income					Farm production expenses	Realized net farm income 3/	Net change in farm inventories	Total net farm income 3/
	Cash receipts from farm marketings	Government payments	Non-money income 2/	Other farm income 2/	Total				
	Million dollars								
1954 . . . . .	994.7	5.6	114.5	3.5	1,118.2	751.4	366.8	20.4	387.2
1955 . . . . .	980.2	3.5	111.4	4.1	1,099.1	770.4	328.7	- 10.1	318.6
1956 . . . . .	1,019.1	8.0	115.5	4.4	1,147.0	792.1	354.9	25.6	380.5
1957 . . . . .	1,069.4	14.7	120.6	5.0	1,209.6	827.0	382.6	5.3	387.9
1958 . . . . .	1,125.2	19.7	122.3	6.1	1,273.3	846.9	426.4	- 23.0	403.4
1959 . . . . .	1,087.9	14.8	136.1	5.8	1,244.7	889.3	355.4	61.3	416.7
1960 . . . . .	1,111.0	16.9	131.5	6.0	1,265.4	854.8	410.6	- 24.0	386.7
1961 . . . . .	1,128.6	40.0	130.5	5.9	1,305.0	880.4	424.5	14.0	438.5
1962 . . . . .	1,140.3	42.5	123.5	6.1	1,312.4	894.7	417.7	16.5	434.2
1963 . . . . .	1,134.5	45.9	116.9	6.6	1,303.9	905.0	398.9	- 23.6	375.3
1964 . . . . .	1,190.9	47.8	116.0	7.8	1,362.5	925.5	437.0	- 27.8	409.2
1965 . . . . .	1,257.9	51.6	115.5	8.8	1,433.7	943.8	489.9	- 2.7	487.2
1966 . . . . .	1,419.4	53.7	119.7	9.2	1,602.0	1,012.0	590.0	16.4	606.5
1967 . . . . .	1,393.9	41.2	124.1	10.3	1,569.5	1,077.3	492.2	3.2	495.4
1968 . . . . .	1,458.0	51.7	124.8	10.8	1,645.3	1,112.5	532.8	25.9	558.6
1969 . . . . .	1,529.8	56.3	136.1	11.2	1,733.6	1,163.5	570.0	- 4.3	565.7
1970 . . . . .	1,598.9	51.7	142.2	11.0	1,803.8	1,244.3	559.5	8.2	567.6
1971 . . . . .	1,659.5	36.9	155.9	12.9	1,865.2	1,320.3	544.8	81.1	625.9
1972 . . . . .	1,849.2	57.1	168.2	13.3	2,087.8	1,385.2	702.6	- 34.9	667.7
1973 . . . . .	2,281.3	39.8	193.7	16.3	2,531.0	1,622.8	908.3	- .7	907.6
1974 . . . . .	2,444.5	13.3	242.5	17.7	2,718.0	2,007.7	710.3	40.0	750.3

1/Details may not add to totals because of rounding. 2/Formerly classified as value of home consumption and gross rental value of farm dwellings. 3/Of farm operators.

## CHEESE AND BUTTER STOCKS WELL BELOW YEAR AGO

Cold storage stocks of cheese and butter in the Nation at the end of September were considerably below a year ago. The 427 million pounds of cheese in cold storage was 21 percent less than on September 30, 1974. Declines shown by American, Swiss, and all other cheese were nearly comparable.

Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese

Commodity	Sept. 30, 1973	Sept. 30, 1974	Sept. 30, 1975	Change from last year
1,000 pounds				Percent
UNITED STATES				
Butter . . . . .	94,255	105,599	43,002	- 59
Cheese, American . . . . .	310,507	462,999	366,297	- 21
Cheese, Swiss . . . . .	15,351	13,810	11,162	- 19
Cheese, all other . . . . .	56,402	62,278	49,533	- 20
Cheese, total . . . . .	382,260	539,087	426,992	- 21
WISCONSIN				
Butter . . . . .	6,449	6,589	5,159	- 22
Cheese, American . . . . .	187,716	264,220	201,452	- 24
GOVERNMENT STOCKS*				
Butter . . . . .	60,899	22,407	18,182	- 19
Cheese, American . . . . .	498	975	6,564	+ 573

\*Included in above totals.

There were only 43 million pounds of butter in cold storage in the Nation at the end of September, a decline of 59 percent from the previous year. Government stocks of butter amounted to 18 million pounds on September 30, down 19 percent from a year earlier. The Government held 6½ million pounds of American cheese at the end of September compared with one million pounds last year.

Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products  
United States

Commodity	August 31, 1973	August 31, 1974	August 31, 1975	Change from last year
1,000 pounds				Percent
Dried whole milk . . . . .	8,195	12,637	6,930	- 45
Dried skim milk . . . . .	95,083	193,163	72,909	- 62
Dried buttermilk . . . . .	4,873	9,818	2,948	- 70
Condensed milk and evaporated milk (case goods) 1/ . .	67,142	167,557	105,549	- 37

1/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations.

## CATTLE ON FEED UP IN 23 MAJOR STATES

The number of cattle on feed in the 23 major feeding states totaled 9,301,000 on October 1, an increase of 2 percent from a year earlier. This was the first time in two years

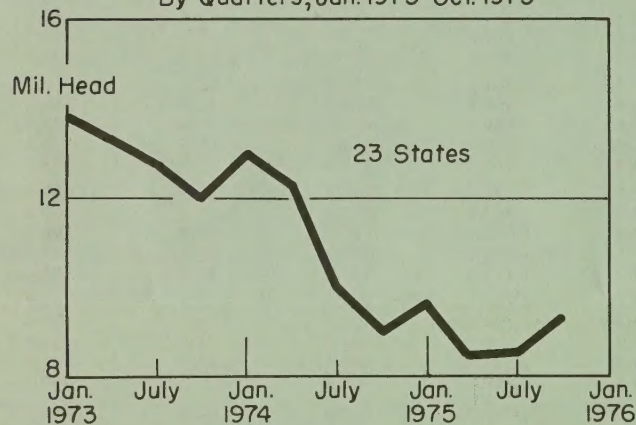


that the quarterly cattle on feed number was above a year ago. Cattle feeders in Wisconsin had 96,000 cattle and calves on feed October 1, down 2 percent from the previous year.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 23 states during the past quarter were 22 percent above July - September 1974. Placements in Wisconsin were down 14 percent from the third quarter of last year.

Marketings of fed cattle in the 23 states during July through September were 9 percent below that quarter a year ago, while marketings for the final quarter of this year are expected to also be down 9 percent from October - December 1974. Wisconsin marketed 3 percent more cattle in the past quarter than a year earlier, and marketings for October through December are expected to be up 10 percent.

**CATTLE ON FEED**  
By Quarters, Jan. 1973-Oct. 1975



**Cattle and Calves on Feed by Quarters**  
October 1, 1974, July 1, and October 1, 1975 1/

State	October 1, 1974	July 1, 1975	October 1, 1975	Change from last year
	1,000 head			Percent
Arizona . . . . .	348	380	397	+ 14
California . . . . .	965	748	876	- 9
Colorado . . . . .	690	684	735	+ 7
Idaho . . . . .	186	182	178	- 4
Illinois . . . . .	350	410	420	+ 20
Indiana . . . . .	180	190	180	n. c.
Iowa . . . . .	1,030	1,020	950	- 8
Kansas . . . . .	900	960	1,150	+ 28
Michigan . . . . .	155	145	147	- 5
Minnesota . . . . .	320	275	290	- 9
Missouri . . . . .	155	170	175	+ 13
Montana . . . . .	65	60	44	- 32
Nebraska . . . . .	1,040	950	1,060	+ 2
New Mexico . . . . .	170	120	130	- 24
North Dakota . . . . .	35	24	20	- 43
Ohio . . . . .	148	170	175	+ 18
Oklahoma . . . . .	212	187	239	+ 13
Oregon . . . . .	55	50	65	+ 18
Pennsylvania . . . . .	48	61	60	+ 25
South Dakota . . . . .	270	260	265	- 2
Texas . . . . .	1,599	1,264	1,488	- 7
Washington . . . . .	133	134	161	+ 21
Wisconsin . . . . .	98	98	96	- 2
23 States . . . . .	9,152	8,542	9,301	+ 2

1/Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fattened for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates which are expected to produce a carcass that will grade good or better.

## MEAT STOCKS REMAIN LOWER

Stocks of meat in the Nation's cold storage facilities at the end of September were 28 percent below a year ago. This was the eleventh consecutive month that meat stocks were under the previous year.

There were 250 million pounds of beef in cold storage on September 30, a decline of 28 percent from that date in 1974. Beef supplies decreased by over 7 million pounds during September and were 97 million pounds under last year.

Pork in cold storage, at 182 million pounds on September 30, was 27 percent below a year earlier. Stocks of pork declined by 3 million pounds in September and were 66 million pounds less than on September 30, 1974. Frozen pork bellies at the end of September were only half of a year ago.

**Cold Storage Stocks of Meat**  
**United States**

Commodity	Sept. 30, 1973	Sept. 30, 1974	Aug. 31, 1975	Sept. 30, 1975	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds				Percent
Beef:					
Frozen . . . . .	234,123	330,896	249,837	241,837	— 27
In cure and cured . . . . .	10,338	15,868	7,617	7,988	— 50
Total . . . . .	244,461	346,764	257,454	249,825	— 28
Pork:					
Frozen . . . . .	181,096	233,875	175,496	171,391	— 27
In cooler . . . . .	14,908	14,712	9,858	10,999	— 25
Total . . . . .	196,004	248,587	185,354	182,390	— 27
Other meats and meat products:					
Veal, frozen . . . . .	7,805	11,589	8,861	8,158	— 30
Lamb and mutton, frozen	13,083	14,198	9,995	10,227	— 28
Canned meats in cooler:					
Hams . . . . .	50,964	57,491	44,064	42,282	— 26
Other meats . . . . .	12,712	13,376	8,537	8,462	— 37
Total, all meats . . . . .	525,029	692,005	514,265	501,344	— 28

## OCTOBER CROP REPORT

Excellent weather in October allowed the fall harvest in Wisconsin to make fine progress. By October 20th, a third of the corn for grain was harvested. This was well ahead of last year's 10 percent and the best progress on corn harvesting for that date since 1970. Yields of corn for grain were varying from poor to excellent. Hot, dry weather in July hurt corn on light soils, resulting in barren stalks or small cobs. Heavier soils in the south were yielding very good. Quality of the 1975 corn crop is far superior to a year ago. Test weights are high and moisture content is low. Production of corn for grain in Wisconsin is estimated at 197.4 million bushels, an increase of 28 percent from 1974. Yields are expected to average 84 bushels, up 16 bushels from last year's poor crop.

Harvesting of soybeans was 55 percent completed by October 20th compared with 30 percent a year earlier. Moisture content of soybeans is low and yields were reported to be better than average.

Haying was nearing a conclusion in Wisconsin by mid-October after going longer than usual due to the need for



## Crop Summary of Wisconsin for October 1, 1975

Crop	Acreage			Yield per acre			Unit	Production		
	1973	1974	1975 (preliminary)	1973	1974	1975 (preliminary)		1973	1974	1975 (preliminary)
	Thousands							Thousands		
FIELD CROPS										
Corn for grain . . . . .	2,090	2,270	2,350	83.0	68.0	84.0	Bu.	173,470	154,360	197,400
Oats . . . . .	1,370	1,400	1,380	41.0	61.0	57.0	Bu.	56,170	85,400	78,660
Barley . . . . .	21	19	32	37.0	47.0	50.0	Bu.	777	893	1,600
Rye . . . . .	9	10	10	21.0	24.0	23.0	Bu.	189	240	230
Wheat (all) . . . . .	27	78	86	33.0	36.6	36.0	Bu.	890	2,853	3,100
Winter . . . . .	16	57	65	35.0	39.0	38.0	Bu.	560	2,223	2,470
Spring . . . . .	11	21	21	30.0	30.0	30.0	Bu.	330	630	630
Soybeans for beans . . . . .	241	217	205	25.0	20.0	23.0	Bu.	6,025	4,340	4,715
Potatoes (fall) . . . . .	47.0	50.0	50.5	245	280	275	Cwt.	11,515	14,000	13,888
Tobacco (all) . . . . .	10.2	9.4	11.4	1,859	1,965	1,926	Lb.	18,963	18,471	21,960
Type 54 . . . . .	4.9	4.7	5.8	1,950	2,060	2,000	Lb.	9,555	9,682	11,600
Type 55 . . . . .	5.3	4.7	5.6	1,775	1,870	1,850	Lb.	9,408	8,789	10,360
HAY AND FORAGE										
Hay (all) . . . . .	3,950	3,950	4,000	2.69	2.68	2.66	Ton	10,622	10,600	10,650
Alfalfa and mixture . . . . .	2,970	3,000	3,000	2.90	2.90	2.85	Ton	8,613	8,700	8,550
All other . . . . .	980	950	1,000	2.05	2.00	2.10	Ton	2,009	1,900	2,100
VEGETABLE CROPS										
Carrots 1/ . . . . .	4.5	4.0	3.4	411	483	—	Cwt.	1,851	1,930	—
Cabbage 1/ . . . . .	5.4	5.8	4.0	300	320	—	Cwt.	1,621	1,856	—
Lettuce . . . . .	1.1	1.1	1.2	250	200	—	Cwt.	275	220	—
Mint for oil . . . . .	6.5	8.3	7.0	31	46	33	Cwt.	204	380	231
Onions, commercial . . . . .	1.4	1.3	1.4	280	280	265	Cwt.	392	364	371
For processing:										
Green lima beans . . . . .	7.4	5.3	7.8*	.93	.94	1.00	Ton 2/	6.9	5.0	7.8
Peas . . . . .	123.2	129.8	140.0*	.99	1.33	1.10	Ton 2/	122.0	173.0	154.0
Snap beans . . . . .	55.7	61.0	66.8*	2.47	2.55	2.40	Ton	137.6	156.0	160.3
Sweet corn . . . . .	132.6	118.1	133.0*	3.85	3.83	3.80	Ton	510.5	452.3	505.4
Cucumber for pickles . . . . .	10.4	11.4	10.4*	4.91	3.91	—	Ton	51.1	44.6	—
Beets for canning . . . . .	6.6	8.1	8.1*	9.18	10.65	10.50	Ton	60.6	86.3	85.1
FRUITS, ETC.										
Apples, commercial . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Lb.	50,000	65,000	64,000
Tart cherries . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ton	2.4	5.4	5.2
Cranberries . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bbl.	756	870	800
Strawberries . . . . .	1.4	1.3	1.4	27	29	28	Cwt.	38	38	39

\*Harvested contract acreage except for cucumbers which are planted acres. 1/Includes portion processed. 2/Shelled.

more hay and the nice harvesting weather. Good quality and yields of third crop were harvested this year. Fall pastures were better than a year ago.

Fall plowing was 30 percent finished by October 20th, equal to last year and a normal progress. More rain is needed in most areas to improve plowing conditions. Soil moisture was reported as 60 percent short and 40 percent adequate as of October 20th. Rainfall in the south has been considerably below normal during September and October. Winter wheat stands could use moisture.

Harvesting of potatoes and cranberries was nearly completed by October 20th with good crops. Tobacco is curing well in the sheds. Picking of apples is well along. Home gardens have been cleaned up. Harvesting continues on late commercial vegetable crops such as carrots, beets, and cabbage.

## BEEF CATTLE PRICES INCREASE

Prices of feeder cattle at the Kansas City market increased from August to September as did prices of fed steers and utility cows at St. Paul. Good grade feeder steers weighing between 600-700 pounds averaged \$33.33 a hundredweight at Kansas City during September, up \$4.18 from a month earlier and \$6.20 above last year. This was the first time since January 1974 that feeder steers were higher than the previous year.

Good grade fed steers weighing between 900-1100 pounds averaged \$42.71 a hundredweight at the St. Paul market in September. This was \$2.80 more than in August and \$4.82 higher than September 1974. Utility cows at St. Paul averaged \$22.80 a hundredweight for September, a gain of 86 cents from August but 86 cents under last year.

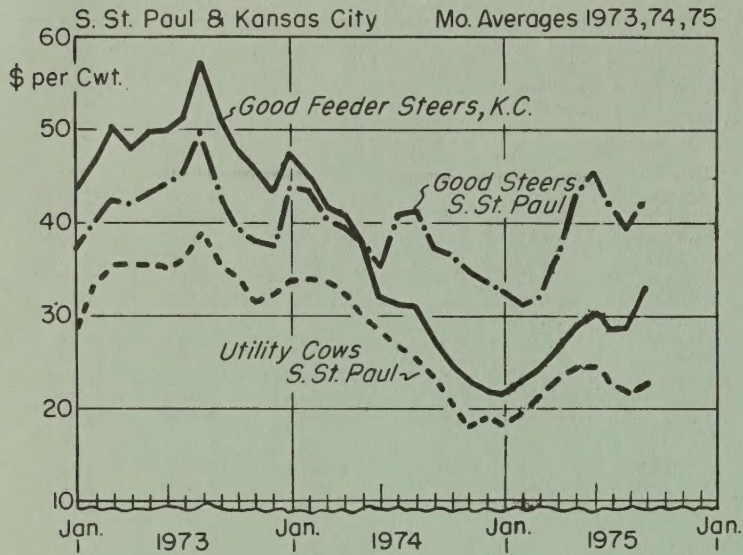
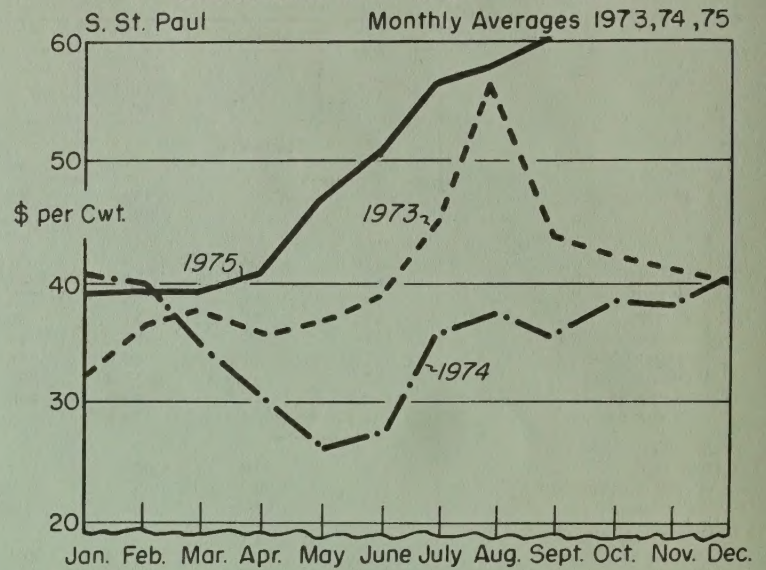
## PRICES OF BARROWS AND GILTS EXCEED \$60.00

Prices of barrows and gilts at St. Paul exceeded \$60.00 a hundredweight in September, the first time they were ever above that figure. The September average of \$60.28 a hundredweight was \$2.63 more than the previous month and \$24.61 above September a year ago.

## Rainfall in Inches, by Districts, Wisconsin

District	Month of September			Since April 1		
	1974	1975	Normal	1974	1975	Normal
N. W. . . . .	2.1	2.7	3.5	19.7	21.6	22.7
N. C. . . . .	2.9	3.5	3.8	20.8	19.5	22.9
N. E. . . . .	2.5	3.2	3.5	21.1	18.5	20.9
W. C. . . . .	1.5	2.4	3.5	17.9	26.3	22.0
C. . . . .	1.3	3.4	3.7	18.8	22.5	21.2
E. C. . . . .	1.6	2.7	3.3	19.1	20.8	19.0
S. W. . . . .	1.1	1.2	3.9	21.9	21.0	22.7
S. C. . . . .	.9	1.0	3.7	20.7	20.9	21.2
S. E. . . . .	1.2	1.1	3.3	20.8	18.9	19.8



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